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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
TO THE FIRST OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 1, 2003**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 2, 2004

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated August 1, 2003. A petition for a two-month extension of the period for responding to the Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

Please amend the application as directed below and consider the remarks that follow.

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